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(c) among Indians the number of Muslims appointed to each of the grades?

A.—(a) to (c) A report has been called for.

Creation of Forest Panchayats in Mohirri and Goomsur forests.

*1955 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to question No. 1442 answered on the 25th February 1929 regarding the creation of Forest Panchayats in Mohirri and Goomsur forests—

(a) whether the Government would place the report of the Forest department on the table wherein the department refuses to have unclassed forests in Ganjam district; and

(b) whether they are informed that there is no area in the whole of Mohirri and Goomsur forests to be kept under Forest Panchayats?

A.—(a) & (b) The report referred to is at page 3 of G.O. No. 703, Development, dated 12th May 1925, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Alleged petitions against the reservation of forests in Dharakota estate.

*1956 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of petitions received from the ryots of Dharakota Estate (Ganjam district) against the reservation of forests in the said estate;

(b) whether any enquiry was made;

(c) if so, when and by whom;

(d) whether any complaints were received against the enquiry; and

(e) whether any statements were recorded by the enquiring officers?

A.—(a) Two.

(b) to (e) The Government have received a report from the Collector of Ganjam on one of the petitions. Further information has been called for.

Leasing of unreserved forests in Dharakota and other estates.

*1957 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that unreserved forests in the Dharakota, Kallikota and Atagada Estates (to which Madras Forest Act is applied) in Ganjam district are annually leased out in spite of rule 5 of the Forest Rules framed by the Governor in Council;

(b) whether they have seen the judgment in C.C. No. 137 of 1928 on the file of the Tahsildar Second-class Magistrate of Aska wherein it is stated that the unreserved Pakidy forest was leased out for Rs. 1,700 and whether a lease deed marked as exhibit 'F' was produced;

(c) whether a police charge sheet was filed in this case; and

(d) why the police took up the case?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but a report has been called for.